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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>4</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.
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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

the international application as originally filed

the description:

pages _____, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____.

the claims:

pages _____, as originally filed

pages _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____.

the drawings:

pages _____, as originally filed

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the sequence listing part of the description:

pages _____, as originally filed

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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language English which is:

the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).

the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).

the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

contained in the international application in printed form.

filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

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The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____.

the claims, Nos. _____.

the drawings, sheets/fig _____.

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims 2-7

YES

Claims 1

NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims 3-6

YES

Claims 1,2,7

NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims 1-7

YES

Claims ---

NO

Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Although we sent two reminders we still have not received all English translations of the documents cited in the search report of the Korean Intellectual Property Office. The international preliminary examination report is therefore based only on the available documents.

The English translation of claim 1 of KR 99-79378 A submitted to the Austrian Patent Office describes a cosmetic composition for prevention and treatment of pimples comprising natural substances selected from the group consisting of *Arctium lappa*, *Glycyrrhiza glabra* and *Angelica dahurica*. None of the extracts of *Cavalia gladiata*, *Biota orientalis* and *Coptis chinensis* of the subject matter of claim 1 of the present application are mentioned in the translation.

The second document cited in the search report (CN 1332002 A) can only be evaluated on the basis of abstracts :

CN 1332002 A (ZHANG J.), 2002-01-23 (abstract) World Patents Index [online] [retrieved on 2004-12-02]. Retrieved from EPO WPI database. DW: 200237, AN: 2002-330592 [37].

and

CN 1332002 A (ZHANG J.), 2002-01-23 (abstract) [online] [retrieved on 2004-12-02]. Retrieved from EPO EPODOC database.

The abstracts relate to a medicinal capsule useful in the treatment of acne comprising artificial bezoar, pearl, *Radix Scutellariae*, notoginseng, *Rhizoma Coptidis*, rhubarb, cimetidine, zinc gluconate and vitamin B₆. *Cavalia gladiata*, *Biota orientalis* and *Coptis chinensis* are not mentioned in the abstracts.

The third document cited in the search report (ZENG, ZUPIN et al., "Studies on the quality of Xiaocuojiefu", Zhongcaoyao, China, 1996, Vol.27, No. 9, pp.529-530) can only be evaluated on the basis of the abstract of Chemical Abstracts (AN: 125: 308787). The abstract relates to a traditional Chinese preparation (Xiaocuojiefu) used in treatment of

Supplemental Box

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acne. Main components were Chrysanthemum indicum, Coptis chinensis and sophora flavescens.

Therefore the subject matter of claim 1 of the present application is not to be seen new. A skilled person would use such extracts for topical formulations (like emulsion, cosmetic liquid, ointment and so on) in an amount of from 0.001 to 20 wt%. Therefore the subject matter of claims 1,2 and 7 are not considered to involve an inventive step.

The forth document cited in the search report (LEE, HYEONG-KYU et al., "Compounds from Biota orientalis leaves inhibit expression of adhesion molecules induced by TNF-alpha on inflammatory cells", Recent Advances in Natural Products Research, Proceedings of the International Symposium on Recent Advances in Natural Products Research 3rd, Republic of Korea, Nov, 1999, pp. 54 – 62) can only evaluated on the basis of the abstract of Chemical Abstracts (AN: 133: 329268). The study of the article suggests that Biota (orientalis) leaves are useful for the treatment of acute and chronic inflammation including bronchitis.

The last document (LEE, GYEONG-IM et al.), was also evaluated on the basis of the abstract of Chemical Abstracts (AN: 122: 151064). Different extracts (e.g. Coptis chinensis) were tested for their inhibitory effects in specific rat macrophages.

The subject matter of claims 2 to 7 are considered to be new. Claims 3 to 6 are considered to be inventive. Industrial applicability is given.